

Essex Hall,
Walthamstow.

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My dear Friend

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In the absence of the
Anti-Slavery Secretary and at the desire
of our friend Edmund Sturge, I write to
ask thee to be kind enough to take a
little trouble for the Anti-Slavery Committee
in circulating the special Report of the
Paris Anti-Slavery Conference.

We have sent to our friend
Lewis Tappan New York a number
of Copies with instructions to forward
fifty of them to thee — We shall be
glad to pay all expenses of postage or
carriage incurred in their distribution,
and we shall feel obliged by thy drawing
upon Edmund Sturge at the Anti-Slavery
Office 27 New Broad Street, unless

any other mode of reimbursement
would be more convenient to thee.

Just after the revolution in
Spain, we sent our Secretary
to Madrid where he has been
privately labouring for the cause ever
since. — Time will not admit
of my troubling thee with details, but
we have shared with labour, time,
no money — I believe it may be
truly said that we have created
an Aristocracy out of a people
that were proslavery — but no
practical results have yet followed.

The Republican minority has done its
best nobly, but the Monarchical majority
has acted in a manner to confirm
Victor Hugo's idea that "a monarch at
the top of ~~authority~~ and a slave at
the bottom are in ^{the} right & proper order of

of things." — Under the pressure of
Public Opinion in Spain however, the
Ministers promise a measure of
Complete Abolition. — We sadly want
your moral help — Can you do nothing
for the cause of the Cuban Slave in Boston?

But we especially want your help for
the Slaves in Brazil — She has made Anti-Slavery
professions for nearly forty years — Great
in professions, small in acts, may truly
be said of Brazil — The Emperor tho' well
disposed is said to possess no initiative —
The Ladies are said to be decidedly pro-slavery.

We have repeatedly addressed the
Emperor — we now think of addressing the
Brazilian People and I hope the Bunnings
Ladies Society will address the Ladies very shortly.

But the cause needs the powerful help
of the American People, — we shall hear most
gratefully of any thing you do for it —

Have just sent a few lines to our friend
the Hon: Chas. Sumner on both Spain & Brazil —

He has grieved us much, but I hope
he will now get back to his own proper
position that of Peace Maker.

Hope my dear Friend that thy
health is better now that all thy
family are well, tho' I recollect at
this moment and with sympathy, that
thy wife has long been an invalid —

So many of our old friends
have passed away that it is touching
to me to write to one of the few
left to labour here a little longer

May it be not a little longer
say.

Thy affectionate friend

Joseph Cooper

To Wm Lloyd Garrison

Wrote lately an exhortatory letter to
Olzaya — I have also tried to prompt
our friends Cochran & Laboulaye to
renewed action — Garibaldi also
has had a few lines from me — he has
many friends in Madrid.